

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Before paragraph [0001], add the heading --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Before paragraph [0005], add the heading --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Amend the following paragraphs:

[0006] -- This object is ~~gained~~ attained by a magnet holder ~~according to claim 1. This magnet holder~~ which comprises a fixedly arranged magnet and an ~~opposite-lying~~ opposing magnet which is rotatable about a point of rotation. Each of the magnets has a magnet pole surface  $[(A_1, A_2)]$  comprising at least two poles ~~at least~~. In the closed state, the corresponding poles having different polarities are opposite to and attract each other. In the open state, after rotating the rotatable magnet by means of an actuation device, the poles having the same polarity are opposite to and mutually repel each other.--.

[0007] --A distance element made of a non-ferromagnetic material is fixed to at least one of the magnet pole surfaces, ~~the~~ and has a bearing surface ~~thereof~~ sized on the opposite magnet pole surface  $[(A_1, A_2) \text{ being}]$  to be 1/3 of this surface, as a maximum. This distance element has a dual function. Due to the small bearing surface, the friction force $[[, \text{ which occurs with}]]$  during opening $[[,]]$  is smaller than ~~that occurring~~ when both these surfaces are in full contact with each other ~~totally~~. In addition, the distance element prevents the magnet surfaces from contacting each other directly, so that a more equal even course of force is ~~gained~~ realized ~~with the~~ during opening procedure. The thickness of the distance element is selected based on the holding power and course of force wanted for the opening procedure. --.

[0008] -- Furthermore, a centering engaging device is arranged in the vicinity of the magnet poles. This centering engaging device comprises

complementary engagement elements ~~matching each other and engaging which~~ interlock in the course of closing, wherein the ~~engaging portion~~ engagement is suitably formed to ~~take up~~ absorb the shear forces[, which occur with the]] during opening procedure, until they are reduced to minimum value determined by the structure, as the distance between the magnets increases.--.

**[0010]** -- According to ~~claim 2~~ another feature of the invention, the distance element is concentrically arranged relative to the point of rotation. ~~This measure allows remarkably small~~ In this way, friction forces ~~to be gained~~ can be kept particularly small.--.

**[0011]** -- According to ~~claim 3~~ another feature of the invention, the distance element is also designed as a centering engaging device. The dual function of this structural element allows the shear forces to be received directly at the place of occurrence ~~and so that~~ a particularly small-sized design ~~to~~ can be realized. At the same time, a haptically favourable course of force is ~~gained with the~~ made possible during opening procedure.--.

**[0012]** -- According to ~~[[claim 4]]~~ another feature of the invention, the distance element and the centering engaging device are made of a strong plastic material having a low coefficient of friction.--.

Before paragraph **[0013]**, add the heading --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING--.

Before paragraph **[0017]**, add the heading --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

Amend the following paragraph:

**[0017]** --FIG. 1a shows an opened bow holding device for holding a stringed instrument bow. The magnet holder according to the invention, which is comprised of two pairs of magnets 3a, 3b and 4a, 4b respectively, is arranged on the bottom

part 1 and on the pivoting upper part 2 of the bow holder, wherein the magnets 3a, 3b are fixed, whilst the magnets 4a, 4b can be rotated about a point of rotation 6 by an angle of about 100 degrees by operating a lever 5. The distance element is marked by a reference mark 7. The distance element 7, the axis of which is in line with point of rotation 6, prevents the magnet poles of different polarities from contacting each other, when they are opposite to and attract each other in the closed state. With this exemplified embodiment, the distance element 7 is a flat ~~cylinder~~ disk made of Teflon, which has a diameter D of 3 mm and a disk thickness I of 0.4 mm. An expert certainly knows in which way a rotatable magnet is held in case, so that no further explanation is necessary, but reference is given to FIG. 2 only, which shows the arrangement and support of the rotatable magnet within the case 8.--.

Page 6, after the heading "CLAIMS" and before the first claim add --What is claimed is:--.